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To Our Reader - Owners

McCLELLAN REPORT

The McClellan Committee of the Senate this week issued a report on the first year of its investigation of labor unions and employers.

The report recommends that laws be enacted to insure union democracy, regulate and control union funds, regulate and control pension, health and welfare funds, curb activities of middlemen in labor-management disputes, and clarify the no man's land in labor-management relations.

The report charges that over \$10 million was stolen over a period of 15 years by officers of the Teamsters, Bakery Workers, United Textile Workers, Operating Engineers, and Allied Industrial Workers.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. and some other big firms are named in the report as having carried on dirty undercover operations against unions.

KOHLER HEARING

AFLCIO President George Meany protests that ten million bucks is an exaggeration, and Senator McNamara, the union man who is a member of the committee, turns in a minority report charging there is anti-labor bias in the majority findings.

Certainly there has been anti-labor bias in the recent performances of the committee involving the Kohler strike. The Chicago Federation News quotes an editorial of the New York Times of March 10 stating that "ever since the committee took up the four-year-old strike of the United Auto Workers against the Kohler Company, the whole operation has seemed to change—and for the worse, from every point of view... The late Senator McCarthy sowed the bad seed in the committee a year or so ago."

WIND & WHIRLWIND

Nevertheless, we of labor did permit some very bad operations to go on unchecked year after year.

We sowed the wind and we're reaping the whirlwind. Let's hope we're not sowing any more wind right now in areas yet unexposed.

UNION COUNSELING course graduation dinner will be held at the Villa de la Paix Wednesday, April 9. All interested persons are invited. Tickets \$3. CLC Assistant Secretary Art Hellender has been conducting the course.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Knowland aide exposed; Ldry. Drivers rebel

Two favorable developments in the affairs of the new AFLCIO international union for laundry workers and dry cleaners were announced at the Central Labor Council this week:

1—The record of one of Senator Knowland's political aides who had attacked Cleaners Local 3009 was exposed.

2—A copy of a letter from Laundry Drivers 209 rebelling against the Teamsters' effort to raid Laundry Workers 2 was read.

Russ Crowell, Cleaners 3009, announced that he had been investigating statements made in the Oakland Tribune recently by Mrs. Rene de Reynier of Kensington, vice chairman of the Knowland-for-Governor campaign in Contra Costa County.

This lady had been quoted by the Tribune as declaring that once she had belonged to the Cleaners local, had found that it was conducted in a dictatorial manner, and that once when she raised a question from the floor about an assessment she was told to shut up and sit down.

Crowell said that examination of the union's records showed that Mrs. de Reynier was initiated in the local on January 7, 1947, that she was a member in good standing for only one month, that only one meeting was held while she was a member, that it was a special meeting at which only a report on negotiations was made, and that there were no assessments and

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COPE officers, executive board named in election

The AFLCIO Council on Political Education for Alameda County met Tuesday at the Labor Temple and elected officers and executive board.

Second reading was given to a change in the constitution which had been given first reading at a previous meeting. This expands the executive board from the originally intended 15 to 25. J. L. Childers, Building Trades Council, said that the larger board would give better representation to unions. It was adopted unanimously.

Ernest Perry, Steelworkers, was elected president with 89 votes. Jack E. Tobler, Auto Workers, got 32 votes. Leon McCool, Carpenters, who had been nominated, was held ineligible as a candidate, since the constitution provides that no two officers can belong to the same international, and Al Thoman, Carpenters, had been nominated at the two nomination meetings without opposition for sergeant-at-arms. However, 7 votes were cast for McCool.

J. L. Childers, BTC, was elected vice president with 76 votes; Lew Blix, Dental Technicians, 49; Richard Fitzgerald, Painters, 7.

Robert S. Ash, Central Labor Council, had no opposition for the office of secretary-treasurer.

Three trustees were elected with the following votes: Frances Kaczmarek, Culinary 93; Ken Crowell, Communications Workers, 85; Leslie K. Moore, Painters, 75. Other candidates were Joseph Pruss, Sheet Metal Workers, 56; John W. Austin, Typographical, 25; Malcolm McQueen, Painters,

17; William Castlebury, Car-men, 9.

Al Thoman, Carpenters, as stated before, had no opposition for sergeant-at-arms.

The following were elected to the executive board: Al Brown, Milk Drivers, 114 votes; Floyd Attaway, Culinary, 110; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks, 95; Len Lawson, Communications Workers, 92; R. Caruso, Auto Workers, 91; Charles Roe, Carpenters, 90; Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers, 89; Wayne Gardner, Telegraphers, 85; O. K. Mitchell, Shipyard Laborers, 84; C. L. Dellums, Sleeping Car Porters, 82; Ken Steadman, Steelworkers, 81; Paul Fleishman, Butchers, 78; Jack Long, Steelworkers, 76; John Ferro, Printing Specialties, 75; Paul L. Jones, Laborers, 73; S. E. Rockwell, Electricians, 73; Edrie Wright, Culinary, 73; John Hutchinson, Teachers, 72; Ed Reith, Cemetery Workers, 70; Gratalee Reese, Glass Bottle Blowers, 66; William Norman, Gardeners, 55; Frank Robello, Auto Workers, 55; Mae Coleman, Cleaners, 54; Leah Newberry, Office Employees, 54; Stan Kintner, Auto Workers, 53.

Other candidates for the executive board were: Andrew Swanson, Painters, 49 votes; Harold Huston, Engineers, 47; Robey Pierce, Steelworkers, 47; H. J. Olson, Barbers, 46; E. F. McNamara, Fire Fighters, 42; Marius Waldal, Carpenters, 41; Anders Larsen, Carpenters, 36; Ralph Steinhaus, Teachers, 33; Eric Norberg, Laborers, 30; Malcolm McQueen, Painters, 29; J. O. Hindmarch, Carpenters, 27; Rob-

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Labor officer training for crucial times

These are troublous times for trade unions, and those who are elected by their unions to represent and lead them owe it to their constituents to serve them ably.

New skills must be developed, old skills perhaps in abeyance for some time during the years of prosperity and uninterrupted union growth must be revived.

Such are the urgencies underlying the summoning of the Union Leadership Institute for up to a hundred officers of the unions of Alameda County, to be held in Monterey May 4-7.

The plan has been mentioned briefly from time to time at meetings of the Central Labor Council, but at the meeting this week Secretary Robert S. Ash announced that the notices were going out to all affiliated unions this week.

Attendance at the institute will be limited to 100 persons, so that every one attending can fully participate in all sessions. So applications will be accepted first come, first served.

There will be a \$15 registration fee. Arrangements have been made with the San Carlos Hotel in Monterey for \$13 a day American plan, which includes meals and a banquet. Eighty single rooms will be available, and after that number arrangements can

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Tax on Bridges is CLC debate theme

Bill Kiezel, Auto Workers 1031, moved at the Central Labor Council meeting this week that the council condemn the action of the Internal Revenue Service in filing an income tax claim against Harry Bridges and two other officers of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, independent.

The tax claim, for about \$80,000 apiece on the three union officers, is on money collected by the union to defend Bridges and his colleagues from perjury charges in connection with Bridges' naturalization.

After some discussion, Kiezel's motion was referred to the executive committee.

Kiezel said that the case was one where personalities should be laid aside, and no matter what a union man felt about Bridges, it should be realized that the policy of the Internal Revenue Service in this case could be used against any union.

Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36, disagreed. He contended that "Bridges has been owing this money a long time, and why should Bridges be allowed to get

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'GET AMERICA BACK TO WORK' conference which Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reported on last week must have been quite a gathering, judging by this picture. It shows the way the hall in Washington, D. C. looked as AFLCIO President George Meany called for immediate action to cure the dangerously sick economy. About 1000 delegates listened to the address, which called for action by both Congress and the Administration.

April 10 is the last day on which you can register to vote in the June 3 State primary election!

HOW TO BUY

'Appliances cheaper, watch quality!'

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

As one labor editor comments, since the Fair Trade price-fixing laws have broken down \$37 vacuum cleaners are now selling for \$37 instead of \$57.

In a period of rising prices, even while costs of materials like steel have been rising, tags on appliances have dropped sharply. The refrigerator that cost \$400 in 1950, and even \$280 last year, now sells, on the average, for \$250. The \$200 television set of 1952 now is \$180. The \$70 vacuum cleaner now is \$62. In 1958 you even buy small radios for \$11, just as before World War II. In all, while the average prices of goods and services you buy have gone up 23 percent since just before 1950, prices of many appliances have dropped 10 to 35 percent.

But while today's equipment costs less and has more automatic features, it sometimes also has cheaper materials and more defects. Factory service managers themselves have admitted to this reporter that factory inspection has been loosened as manufacturers have cut prices. Refrigerators and washers now also have lighter-gauge metal shells which not only dent more easily but sometimes affect mechanical efficiency. The plastic dials and knobs on washers are now lighter weight and no longer have a metal sleeve to take the screw but are self-threaded. So they crack more often.

Similarly, today's television sets give you a bigger picture but they have fewer tubes and other parts. What's left must work harder.

Also, much design has been chiefly for appearance, convenience, and safety, with the possible exception of voltage leakage. But while good progress has been made in the development of safety standards, less has been accomplished in durability standards, an engineer for a leading manufacturer has publicly admitted.

Some huge boners have occurred. One manufacturer made part of his washing machine

pump of plastic. The pump worked all right in factory tests. But the plastic sections cracked in freezing weather en route to dealers and were delivered to buyers that way. Thousands had to be replaced.

One of the biggest recent mistakes was the long kitchen sink spouts made with seams. The seams spring leaks and can't be repaired. Thousands of new homeowners have had to buy at \$6.34, the one-piece spouts the manufacturers belatedly produced. In some cases, manufacturers have improved quality and durability. Water heaters have been made more durable with long-life heating elements and fiberglass insulation in place of rock wool which used to settle, reports Electrical Testing Laboratories. Tubular-type surface units on electric ranges also last longer, they find.

But in general, it's vital these days to examine appliances for durability, and simplicity too. The more gadgets on an appliance, the more breakdown and repair problems you'll have. Some gadgets are of dubious usefulness. Some of the new washing machines, for example, have back panels which light up like a pinball machine when you dial various operations.

Vacuum cleaners are one of this year's appliance bargains. Those you sometimes see advertised for less than \$35 should be shopped with care. Sometimes they're nailed to the floor, as the trade says. This means they're bait to get you to come down and be sold a higher-priced machine.

However, this Spring even reputable stores have been offering canister cleaners for as little as \$33. These "leaders" generally have "list prices" of \$49.95. They are fairly good machines but not the best made by the same manufacturers.

Good guesser

After a hard morning outdoors, the little boy came in and asked his mother, "Who am I?" "Tarzan?" she guessed. "Then the lady down the street was right!" he exclaimed. "She said I was so dirty that even my own mother wouldn't know me."

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

A MEMORY EXPERT has been making some money going around talking to women's clubs about how to recollect names and faces, shopping lists, hubby's shirt size, and similar important data.

This particular expert says if he meets Jim and Mary, for instance, he "immediately conjures up a picture of a couple being married in a gym, and to make it ridiculous, which is the best way to impress it on the mind, the man is imagined lifting a dumbbell. Married—Mary. Gym—Jim."

One questioner said that this might induce a slip of the tongue. Wasn't there a risk that he might say, "Hello, Jim, I've just been talking to your dumbbell wife Mary."

NO EXPERT AID is needed to learn to do better at remembering the names of persons we've met. The first and fundamental rule is to take great pains to know exactly the name of the person when you first meet him or her. This is something many of us neglect shamefully. For it is a rather shameful thing to be so indifferent to a fellow human being that you don't take the trouble to know exactly that person's name.

If you don't take that trouble right at the start of the acquaintanceship, you're going to keep on losing that name from your mind.

FIRST-NAMING has gotten to be so common that many of us are like the kids of school age who never seem to know the family name of the kids they play with.

A child will go to Jack's home to play, and if he doesn't come home on time his mother, oddly enough, just won't find the family listed in the telephone book under their boy's first name.

Weddings mean silverware

Silverware manufacturers are elated over the anticipated rise in marriages this year.

According to their estimates, a record \$154,000,000 in silver flatware and hollowware will be sold in 1958 because of the number of weddings slated.

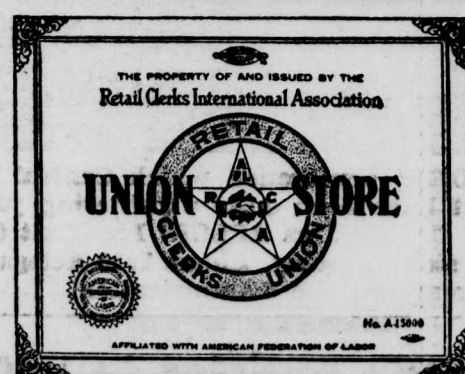
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Teenagers set for 1958

The new leaf that most resolute teenagers turned over at the beginning of 1958 is the frontispiece of a hitherto unopened textbook, a recent survey revealed. New Year's resolutions to study harder, sparked by the difficulties of getting into college, top the teenagers' 1958 lists. Parents who are convinced that their teenagers will never change may take heart. More than 80 percent of the youngsters polled indicated that the spirit, at least, is willing. The flesh, of course, remains to be tested.

In any event most teenage resolutions, if adhered to, promise to make this a happier world by far: a 15-year-old girl will "try to hold my very bad temper," a 16-year-old boy will stop teasing his sister—"she's 10 and very trying," and an abbreviated 14-year-old will simply "grow—to make the basketball team."

Resolutions about school work touched on many subjects. "I'm not going to play hockey any more," vowed a 16-year-old. On scholastic achievements, the par varied. Not a few determined, as one lad put it, "to pass all my subjects."

Women in This World

By **EDITH McCONN**

ARE HOME ECONOMICS in high school just a "frill?"

No, says Edna Amidon, director of the Home Education Branch of the United States office of Education.

At a recent conference of home economics teachers in Washington, Miss Amidon said that girls today won't learn homemaking at home as they did in days gone by.

Life is very different from the time when a family sat down together for three meals a day, seven days a week, and spent a lifetime in one house.

Wives and mothers who work, frequent moves involving complete changes in environment—all contribute to the confusion which seems to exist in so many families today.

Home economic courses, therefore, are no longer merely classes in cooking and sewing. They have to be tailored to meet the needs of today. This means that family relationships and the management of money are now important parts of all such courses.

In spite of the new urge for increased emphasis on science, mathematics and other "solid" subjects, girls very much need to know something about the first problem many of them will face on leaving high school—the problems of marriage and the management of a home and family.

The mothers of most girls today have found themselves floundering through a changing world for which they had had no preparation.

Most of them are too confused themselves to be able to give any useful training to their daughters. It seems to be a problem that only teachers with special training can handle.

Such courses, however, should not be "pipe" courses, to be skimmed through in the easiest way possible.

Homemaking, wifehood, motherhood are tough jobs in this modern world. A course preparing a girl for this difficult profession should be a tough course, a course no critics could call a "frill."

Pointers on cooking meat

Some pointers on cooking meat: Always use low temperatures—300 degrees for beef, veal and lamb, 350 degrees for fresh pork. Cook the tender cuts by the dry heat methods of cookery—broiling, pan-broiling and roasting. Use the moist heat methods of cookery—braising and cooking in liquid—with the less tender cuts. Use a meat thermometer to take the guesswork out of cooking meat.

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George P. Miller announces he will seek reelection

Congressman George P. Miller of Alameda announced this week that he will seek reelection. Miller was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1944 and has been elected continuously since.

Miller serves on two important committees in the House of Representatives. He is a member of the Armed Services Committee and the only Democratic mem-



GEORGE P. MILLER

ber from the Pacific Coast on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

For the last four years he has been designated by the Speaker as the House of Representatives member on the National Historical Publications Commission. Miller is currently chairman of the Board of Visitors of the United States Coast Guard Academy and has been named by the chairman of the Armed Services Committee as his representative on the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

Prior to his election to Congress, George P. Miller served two terms in the California Legislature, representing the 14th Assembly District; he was first elected in 1936.

During the four year interim between serving in the State Legislature and the United States Congress, he was executive officer of the California Division of Fish and Game.

Miller is a graduate of St. Mary's College and was a lieutenant in the Artillery of the 91st Division during World War I. He resides with his wife, Esther P. Miller, in Alameda where they have lived for the past 30 years.

'Right to wreck' film is available for use in state, says Haggerty

Sixteen copies of the anti-"right to work" film, INJUSTICE ON TRIAL, are available for union showing in California, it is announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Haggerty said the 16 mm film runs for 20 minutes, and organizations interested must provide their own projectors and operators.

Requests for the film should be sent to San Francisco State Federation headquarters, 995 Market Street.

S. F. CIO Council raps Post Office

The San Francisco CIO Council, with which United Postal Workers Local 1136 is affiliated, has issued a press release declaring that "the action of the Post Office Department in discharging the president and secretary" of that local "for union activities, is but a part of the anti-labor, 'right to work' program of the Post Office Department and certain Administration spokesmen."

The statement, signed by Frank E. White, secretary, S. F. CIO Council, urges the support of all unions for the effort to get the discharged men reinstated and to win better conditions for postal workers in general. The following charges are made:

"Post Office Workers have worked under so-called 'right-to-work' conditions for many years. These 'right-to-work' conditions—no union recognition, no impartial grievance procedures, low wages, no health or welfare program, no freedom of speech and no opportunity for political and civil freedom, forced the union to picket the Post Office in an attempt to arouse the public to the working conditions within the Post Office."

Knowland's attack on FEPC is noted

Senator William Knowland has run into strong Negro opposition because of his recent declaration against Fair Employment Practices legislation.

FEP legislation would make illegal all employment practices based on discrimination because of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Knowland's SEP stand has already cost him the support of Terry Francois, a San Francisco Negro leader, who is currently a member of that city's FEPC Commission.—Labor League for Political Education.

One of every 13 in State jobless

The California Labor League for Political Education, AFL, points out that official figures show:

- 449,000 workers were jobless in February, an increase of 75,000 over January, and a jump of 75 percent over the February mark of one year ago.

- February unemployment came to 7.7 percent of the state's labor force as compared with 4.5 percent one year ago.

- One out of every 13 workers was unemployed in the state this February as compared with one out of 22 in 1957.

- The February jobless total was the highest recorded for the month since February, 1950, when 482,000 were out of work.

CLC delegates seated

Delegates obligated by Central Labor Council President Al Brown at the March 17 meeting were Vernon McClure, Glass Bottle Blowers 2; Edwin Hutchinson, Flint Glass 66.

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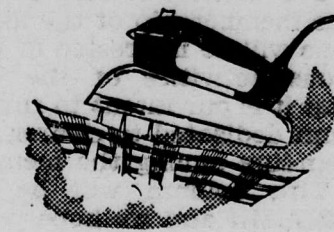
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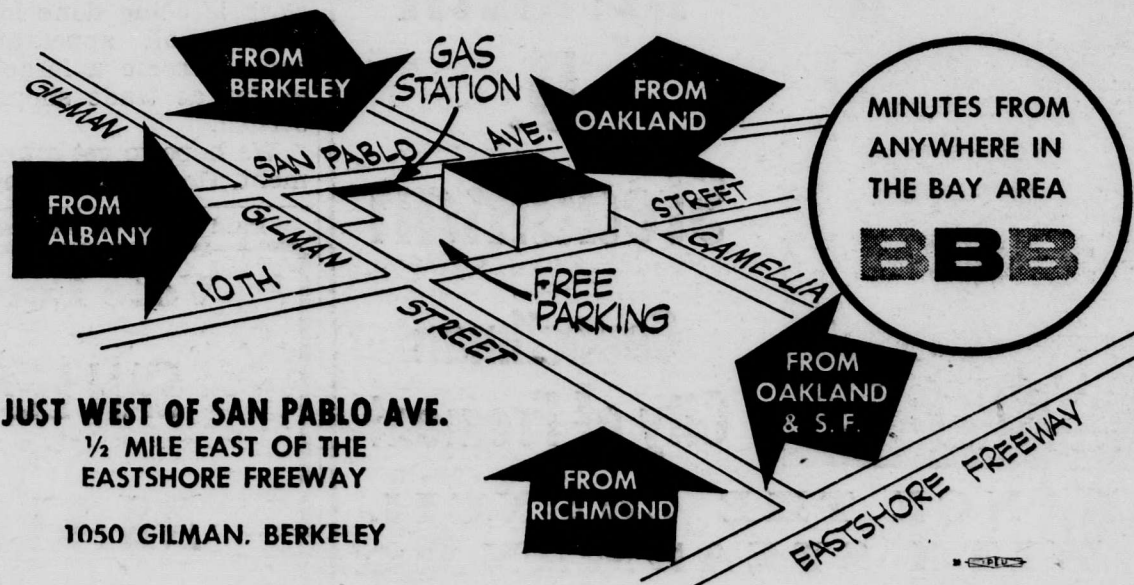
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Compensation not up to date: Meany

WASHINGTON — AFLCIO President George Meany has called a special conference on workmen's compensation, which, he said, "has not kept abreast with economic and industrial changes."

The three-day session, scheduled for the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D. C., April 15 through 17, will mark the 50th anniversary of this law to provide compensation for workers injured on the job.

"The grim fact," Meany said in his call to the conference, "is that the benefits have too often fallen below the minimum standards set by our society for persons on relief."

Meany sent the conference call to all national and international unions, departments and state central bodies of the AFLCIO. In setting the conference, the AFLCIO president said:

"It is my wish that the Conference review the experience of 50 years of legislation; evaluate the basic concepts of workmen's compensation within the framework of the total private and public social insurance programs; and explore programs to see if workmen's compensation can be made to accomplish the recognized objectives of this oldest of social insurances in America."—AFLCIO News.

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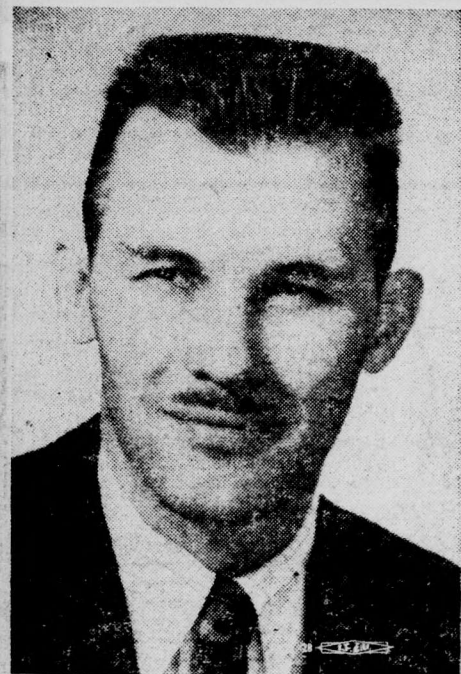
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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

At our last membership meeting held March 20, 1958, election of delegates to the California Pipe Trades Council convention, April 25, 26 and 27, 1958, was held with the following results: 587 voted. Elected as delegates were: Jim Martin, 450; Lou Kovacevich, 424; Bill Weber, 383; Don Stallings, 231; Jack Matheis, 230; Bennie Gosney, 226; and Guy Raymond, 208. Runners up were: Dick Dole, 192; C. D. Gibbon, 184; J. R. Tucker, 180; John Brogan, 142; Vernon Turley, 140; Ernie Boyer, 113; John Davy, 112; Eric Leffeldt, 107; Ed Stone, 100; Roy Tinder, 96; Vince Cooper, 68; Bud Hobson, 57; Bob Carr, 50; Jim Lambert, 41; Mike Aiello, 38; Louie Alexander, 35; John Dulle, 33.

The members also voted 397 to 115 to accept the wages in lieu of the vacation plan.

Our next meeting to be held April 3, 1958, will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of acting on the following:

a. The recommendations of the joint meeting of the executive board and finance committee, relative to the purchasing of new automobiles in accordance with the By-Laws.

b. The recommendation of the officers meeting held March 27, 1958.

c. Second reading and action on the resolution pertaining to one membership meeting per month.

d. Reading of the auditors report.

As these are important matters, we urge that you make every effort to attend this April 3, 1958, membership meeting.

Carpenters 36

By OSCAR N. ANDERSON

The final tabulation of the votes by the Bay District Council of Carpenters on the two and one-half cents (2½¢) raise was overwhelmingly in favor of being applied on the basic hourly rate. Consequently on June 15, 1958, all carpenters will receive a twelve and one half cents (12½¢) raise in their basic hourly rate of pay.

I should also wish to remind

the Carpenters of L. U. 36 that a unanimous vote was taken on a donation of one dollar (\$1) per capita to the State Federation of Labor by the Local Union, and also a one dollar (\$1) donation by each member to help fight the right-to-work issue. This donation is due when you pay your April, 1958 dues.

Painters Dist. Council 16

By FLOYD PEASLEE

The district council feels that the membership of the local unions will be interested in the various activities of the council and it is our intent to run a column dedicated to clearer understanding among the members.

This column will be YOUR COLUMN and we hope that you will feel free to take an active part by sending articles of interest to all the brothers, for publication.

This column should be a cross section of all the local unions to express ideas and opinions. As most of you know, ALL shops in this council have from two to three, perhaps more, locals represented on the job, regardless of the location of the job, particularly in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

For some three weeks up to March 1, the business representatives of the Council have been rotated to become acquainted with territories other than their normal territory. Reports indicate that the membership is in favor of this rotation plan.

This has been a tough winter for employment, due mainly to the business slump and the 'more than usual' rainy weather.

Let's see how many of the members throughout the council are interested in reading about the activities of the council. Maybe you have suggestions or gripes that you feel the membership should have brought to attention.

Let's start by seeing how many members have a suggestion for a snappy name to head this column. Send your ideas to the Council office.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

At the present time, I am in the process of attempting to organize a business of a type new to this area, which operates under the name of the Mutual Watch Institute of America.

This establishment solicits watch repairs by mail from small localities where no jewelry services are available in the immediate vicinity. All watch repair work is being done locally.

From all appearances, this could become a large operation as far as trade shops are concerned.

We hope to get a union agreement. However, cannot report at

this time that this has as yet been accomplished. We will keep you advised.

SAN JOSE MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1st at 8:00 p.m.—Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

An administrative decision of the Oakland office, Department of Employment, is in effect that provisions of the contract cover getting vacation pay while getting unemployment benefits.

If you ask for this, be sure to bring with you the yellow sheet which is returned to you from the vacation application, when you get the vacation pay, as they will use the dates for their purposes.

However, it is still my opinion that it is best to draw your vacation pay when not drawing unemployment benefits.

Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

"A word to the wise is sufficient" and so having heard of Wilma Hackett's gracious home and hospitality, we had a large attendance at the March meeting, and Wilma outdid herself again. Her hot dish specialty was special, and so was her lime gelatin salad, hot bread and homemade relishes. Homemaker and Assemblywomen (potential) how she does it, is beyond me! Katherine Allen's tossed salad, Freda Cripps' brown bread, and Mary Nelson's dessert, received their share of ah's.

Katherine Allen read a leaflet compiled by the ITU. It behooves us to know as much as possible about unions and especially our ITU.

Anga Bjornson, an unexpected but welcome guest gave us an impromptu talk on the "right to work" issue, which incidentally reminds me to wonder how many of us who receive East Bay Labor Journal really and truly read it, especially the special issue of Friday, March 21. Read it, assimilate it, pass it on to a neighbor, a friend.

Yours truly took advantage of the good natured girls and made her maiden speech on the "Hammans" in our Labor Rank.

Katherine Allen informed us that the clerks in the Woolworth stores are proudly wearing pins attesting to the fact that they are "Union Clerks".

Bring your sandwiches to the next meeting, Thursday, April 3, home of Lucy Cushing, 454 - 59th Street. We will have 1st nominations of officers, and remember our rummage sale day, April 24.

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Miller warns that Naval Air Station may be liquidated

Congressman George P. Miller has sent a letter to William Sparling, executive director of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, concerning a bill which would if enacted allow work now done at the Naval Air Station in Alameda to be contracted to the large aircraft manufacturing companies.

Miller points out that while the station itself is located in Alameda, Naval Air Station employees live throughout the East Bay area. He believes that the economy of all Alameda County would be adversely affected if the bill, HR 11094, introduced by Congressman E. W. Hiestand of Altadena were to pass.

Hiestand's bill would "restrict military aircraft maintenance, overhaul, and modification functions in Government-operated facilities to performance of strictly military requirements that cannot be procured from private enterprise."

"This bill if enacted" says Miller in his letter to Sparling, "would liquidate such installations at Naval Air Station, Alameda, the biggest single employer in the East Bay, if not in the entire Bay Area."

Miller does not think the bill has much chance of passing at this session of Congress, but that "it lays the foundation for later drives in this direction," and that "the proponents of this legislation will be loud in quoting recommendations of the Hoover Commission to 'get the Government out of business.'"

Congressman Hiestand is a Republican. Miller, a Democrat, states his philosophy on the relationship between Government operations and private business as follows:

"I personally do not want to see the Government competing with private business in those fields where private industry can serve the public wealth better.

"Nonetheless, in those fields where the Government can do the job cheaper and more efficiently, I believe the people who bear the burden of expense are entitled to the savings thus effected."

Miller concluded his letter to Sparling with "I would be happy to have your thinking on the subject."

Groulx and Hellender to attend State CIO's COPE

CLC Assistant Secretaries Dick Groulx and Art Hellender were unanimously elected by the council as its representative at the State CIO COPE conference.

They were elected on motion of Ken Steadman of the Steelworkers, at the meeting this week.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Our next membership meeting to be held April 3, 1958 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on the following:

(a) The resolution pertaining to one membership meeting per month.

(b) Action on the recommendations of the joint meeting of the executive board and the finance committee with reference to purchasing automobiles in accordance with this union's by-laws.

(c) Report of the officers' meeting and action on their recommendations.

(d) Reading of the auditor's report.

As these are important matters, it is respectfully requested that you arrange your affairs so that you may be present at the above meeting.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES H. MARTIN,
Financial Secretary,
Business Manager

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets regularly on the second and fourth Friday of each month unless otherwise specified. Meetings at 8:00 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th St., Oakland, California.

I should also wish to remind the carpenters of Local Union 36 that a unanimous vote was taken on a donation of one dollar (\$1.00) per capita to the State Federation of Labor by the Local Union, and also a one dollar (\$1.00) donation by each member to help fight the right-to-work issue. This donation is due when you pay your April, 1958 dues.

All carpenters will receive a twelve and one half (12½¢) per hour raise in their basic hourly rate on June 15, 1958.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meeting and social night March 28. The delegates to the convention of the State Council of Carpenters will report.

A 2.00 assessment on each member to fight "right to work" legislation carried with a large majority.

The financial secretary-treasurer will follow the international constitution which states that assessments must be paid ahead of dues. However, in case of hardship, if you have not worked for some time he may withhold the assessment until you go to work.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

On April 5, 1958, at 2:00 p.m., a brief meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, followed by lunch which will be prepared by Mrs. Dolly Venturi and her committee. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Members are reminded that pursuant to the decision reached at the January meeting of the local, our union dues will be increased fifty (.50¢) cents per month for the period of one year, beginning April, to reimburse the local for donation advanced on behalf of our members to the Committee for Good Schools.

The executive board will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 1958 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

By request of our General President, Peter T. Schoemann, your Business Manager will read a very important letter of guidance for local unions at our meeting of April 3, 1958 that should be of special interest to all of our members.

I am requesting your attendance at this meeting; there should not be a vacant seat in our hall on this night.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager and
Financial Sec.-Treas.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, March 28, 1958, 8:00 p.m. at 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 1, at 8:00 p.m. in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

BUILDING SERVICE 18

The "right to work" film will be shown at the next regular meeting, March 28, at 7:00 p.m., Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland.

Fraternally
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday, April 4 is the date of our next regular meeting, to be followed by a special meeting to elect a grievance committee. No present officer or delegate to any affiliate will be allowed to be nominated to this committee, a strictly rank and file committee.

The title of the committee explains the reason for its setup. Members can appear before the committee in conjunction with the executive board of the Local and report any grievance. The result of any action by the committee and the executive board must have the approval of District Council No. 16.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m., in Eagles Hall 2238 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, a block north of Bancroft Way. Executive board meets at 7 p.m.

All members are urged to attend to discuss the suggested change of our meeting time to Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the present 8 p.m.

Refreshments will again be served by Coffee Jenning and Cookie Beaver.

Fraternally,
CHARLES HOBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, at union headquarters.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

BERT A. BETTS, Democratic candidate for state treasurer, announced recently that he had appointed Martin Huff, Oakland accountant, as campaign coordinator for the Bay Area.

Demand the Union Label!

Tribune publishes item on Laborers

The Oakland Tribune published on Monday a story under the headline "Laborers Open Campaign to Oust Leaders," expatiating on a meeting at which it was stated that "rank and file members of Laborers 304 have opened a campaign to unseat leaders who, they charge, have discriminated against minority groups and misused union funds."

According to the Tribune, those at the meeting, held outside the union halls, on Saturday night, expressed a desire to gain representation for Negroes among the paid officers; to cut the terms of officers from 5 years down to 2 years; to have a moratorium on dues for unemployed members; and to restore sick benefits to a previous status.

At union headquarters it was stated that systematic efforts had been made for three weeks by the promoters of the meeting to get a big turnout, but that few attended; that the Tribune failed to report that some of those at the meeting got up and asked why those who were making complaints didn't go to regular union meetings and complain there; that the union contains not only Negroes, but other minority groups, and that union affairs are conducted without sectarian or racial bias.

CLC office is now on the 3rd floor

The Central Labor Council office is now located on the third floor of the Labor Temple, having been moved from the old location on the first floor.

The new elevator is functioning, but those going to the Temple on business are reminded that it has a capacity load of 12 and that this should not be exceeded.

While the elevator was being completed, there was a brief period during which CLC Secretary Ash and staff enjoyed stair-climbing exercise.

\$35 week strike benefits voted by Machinist lodges

International Association of Machinists members have voted to create a special defense fund paying benefits of \$35 a week to members on strike, I. A. M. General Secretary - Treasurer Eric Peterson announced.

The members voted 5 to 3 for the defense fund, giving it a plurality of over 44,000 votes.

Tabulation of the results, completed at I. A. M. headquarters showed that a record number of I. A. M. local lodges—1759—participated in the union-wide membership referendum.

Balloting took place during February at local lodge meetings throughout the U. S. A., Canada, Hawaii and the Canal Zone.

Mr. Peterson explained that under the Constitutional amendment voted by the union members the portion of each member's dues going to the Grand Lodge will be increased from \$1.30 to \$2 a month. The amendment stipulates that 50 cents of each member's dues each month will now be set aside in a special strike fund. From this fund, members will receive \$35 per week when engaged in an authorized strike. The fund may only be used for this purpose.

Payments from the fund are to begin when the sum of \$2,000,000 has accrued. The union has nearly 1,000,000 members.—The Machinist.

Wilma Hackett files for 16th Assembly seat

The announcement that Mrs. Wilma Hackett, 5681 Keith Ave., Oakland, an accountant, filed and cross filed for Assemblyman from the 16th District was made by Wilmer Lee, campaign manager.

Mrs. Hackett is the officially endorsed candidate of the Alameda County Convention of the California Democratic Council.

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Knowland aide exposed; Ldry. Drivers rebel

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no elections in the union during that month.

"I hope all of Knowland's political aides who go around defaming unions are as easily exposed as this lady and the man down south that is fronting for the 'right to work' initiative," said Crowell.

The union will demand a retraction from the lady.

In the other favorable development, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash read out a copy of a letter sent by Laundry Drivers 209, bearing the signature of Recording Secretary Homer Wyatt, to Jack Williams of Los Angeles, the Teamster who is coordinator of Teamster President James R. Hoffa's effort to help the old ousted laundry workers and cleaners international raid the new AFLCIO union.

The Laundry Drivers' letter informed Williams that so far as Local 209 was concerned, it is going to cooperate with Laundry Workers 2, which along with Cleaners 3009, has joined the new clean international. Laundry Drivers 209 is a Teamster affiliate.

Eddie Maney of Laundry Workers 2 has been keeping the council delegates informed on the progress of the struggle in which his local is engaged.

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CONGRESSMAN JOHN ALLEN, Republican, wrote his constituents that "it is a difficult 'recession' to pinpoint. Possibly everyone has to figure out for himself whether he is better off, worse off, or just doing all right." Possibly the throng of unemployed workers in the above picture, shown in the jam-packed office in Chicago applying for unemployment benefits, may have been able to figure out the problem. They know they're not "doing all right."

Rail removal hits 92 repair workers

E. Scala, Carmen 192, told the Central Labor Council this week that 92 workers in the Key System repair and maintenance work are affected by the planned removal of rails from the San Francisco-Oakland bridge. Some have up to 42 years of seniority.

Scala complained that some of the members of the Rapid Transit Commission whom the union had supported for election were now in favor of removing the rails from the bridge.

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Painters launch plant organizing

President L. M. Raftery of the Brotherhood of Painters, has announced from the international's headquarters at Lafayette, Indiana, that the Painters will begin organizing industrially in plants and factories, as "a great deal of work, formerly handled on job sites, is now being performed in pre-fab factories."

O. T. (Bud) Satre, formerly executive secretary of the Los Angeles District Council of Painters, has been made director of organization, and Ed Stone, former public relations director for the old CIO Organizing Committee, has been appointed publicity director for the brotherhood.

Geohegan given award for civilian service

Dr. John H. Geohegan, well known in union circles, industrial manpower representative of the Air Force in this area, has been presented with a certificate of award by the Force for meritorious civilian service.

Registration data is brought to attention by Women Voters League

Responding to the proclamation made by Governor Goodwin J. Knight designating March as "Registration Month," the League of Women Voters of Oakland is providing voters with the following registration and election information as a community service.

The final day to register to vote in the direct primary election June 3 is April 10.

To vote in California, a person must be a citizen over 21, who by day of election has lived in the state one year, in the county 90 days, and in the precinct 54 days.

Anyone who has registered once is registered permanently unless he failed to vote in both primary and general elections in 1956, has changed his name legally, or has moved. Party designations may be changed by re-registering.

Retail prices in S. F. 4 1/2% more than Feb. '57

The retail food price level in San Francisco remained fairly stable in February, rising a scant tenth of a percent over the record set in January, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Even though the increase over the month was negligible, retail prices in February were 4 1/2 percent higher than in February 1957 and about 8 1/2 percent higher than in February 1956.

Advertisers requested to quit a radio station

After Bruce Poyer, American Federation Radio & TV Artists, called attention of the Central Labor Council to the prolonged strike of the union against WCKY, Cincinnati, many delegates wrote cards to advertisers asking them to quit patronizing the station.

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Machinists don't keep dislike of RW a dark secret

Over the signature of its secretary, Harry Lear, Machinists Nonpartisan Political League 1546 has sent the following to all members:

Dear Sir and Brother:

You would hold us derelict in our duties if we failed to inform you of the initiative petition that is being circularized by big business interests. The proposers of this initiative measure call it "Right to Work". The Attorney General's office has titled it "Employer - Employee Relations, Initiative Constitutional Amendments".

We, who depend on every day work for a livelihood, know that this petition would be better titled "Right to Wreck Initiative" rather than the title hereinabove quoted. We feel that a well-informed citizenry will refuse to sign such an initiative petition if asked to do so, as well as vote against such measure if same qualifies and becomes a subject on the ballot at the next election.

Should the herein referred to initiative petition become a part of the State Constitution, all benefits that the working people of this State have gained through collective bargaining, as members of unions, together with a great many of the benefits gained by the workers of this State, through legislation, would be placed in jeopardy and we, the small people of the State of California, as well as our State, will suffer tremendous losses which could never be recaptured for years to come.

It is because of this most critical condition that we alert you in order that you may alert your friends to the urgency that you and your friends not sign this petition and vote against same should it qualify and become a matter on the ballot at the next State election.

Please read the pamphlet enclosed herein and pass it on to your friends and enlist their cooperation in the defeat of this vicious "Right to Wreck" measure. We invite your comments and suggestions by dropping us a card to room 220-A, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Candidate, Republican, challenged to admit it

Howard H. Jewel, 34-year-old Orinda attorney who has filed for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Sixth District, challenged Rep. John Baldwin to campaign openly as the Republican candidate.

"I am the Democratic candidate and Mr. Baldwin is the Republican and we should wage this campaign on that basis because the issues facing Americans today are not non-partisan," Jewel said.

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Plumbers, Fitters will be hosts at April convention

Steamfitters 342 on March 20 elected 8 delegates to the California State Pipe Trades convention to be held April 25, 26, 27, in Oakland.

There were 24 candidates. Those elected were: Jim Martin, Lou Kovacevich, Bill Weber Sr., Don Stallings, John A. (Jack) Matheis, Bennie Gosney, Guy Raymond, Dick Dole.

With the choice of having a 25-cent increase go for wages or for a vacation plan, the vote was 397 to 115 in favor of having it for wages. Adding the 25 cents to \$3.96 brings the wages per hour to \$4.21. Health and Welfare is an additional 12½ cents an hour, with another 2½ cents for the apprenticeship program.

At the Pipe Trades convention some of the principal speakers will be: C. J. Haggerty, secretary, State Federation of Labor; James Brownlow, head of the AFLCIO Metal Trades Department; William Dodd, a general officer of the international.

There will be 36 local unions represented, 3 district councils, and some 27,000 plumbers and fitters.

James Martin of Local 342 is secretary of the State group. Other officers are: William Foldner, Burbank, president; C. E. Souvine, Santa Barbara; Harold McCray, Long Beach; James Polard, Vallejo; William Fraicir, Sacramento; vice presidents.

Plumbers 444 and Steamfitters 342 will be hosts to the visitors. Some 150 delegates will be here, and 50 of their wives.

Attention is called to company unionist action

George Stokes, Teachers 771, called the attention of the Central Labor Council to the suit brought by a member of the company union of teachers in Richmond against the Musicians Union for expelling him for going through a Teachers Union picket line.

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Tax on Bridges is CLC debate theme

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away with evading an income tax. The money was raised to prevent his deportation, and I don't go along with that sort of people."

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, said that the real difficulty was a "lack of facts. A man has a right to defense in court, but we don't know all about what led to this."

Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798, argued that if money raised for union defense could be taxed, then money raised to elect politicians to office should be taxed.

Howard P. Jeter and John Hutchinson, both of Berkeley Teachers 1078, argued strongly for the motion, but Hutchinson suggested that since any recommendation made by the council should be carefully worded, it would be well to refer the matter to the executive committee.

Jeter had said that "we should mark this: if they start with Bridges now, later it will be other unions."

Hutchinson had said that there were two issues which should be kept entirely separate, one being Harry Bridges, and the other being the policy of the Internal Revenue Service, and that some day "Council Secretary Robert S. Ash or Brother Hightower of the Carpenters might incur the dislike of Senator Goldwater and require defense," so, he contended, it was something all unionists should be interested in.

Unions wire about jobless benefits

Wires are being sent by California labor unions to Congressman Wilbur D. Mills, chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, which is holding the hearings on extension of unemployment benefits past the present 26-week period.

There are reports that the NAM and National Chamber of Commerce are trying to have labor's spokesmen cut down to two, so that the reactionary point of view will dominate the entire hearing, which is of vital import to labor.

State GOP is rapped for weasel-wording on issue of open shop vs. unions

Joseph L. Wyatt Jr., president of the California Democratic Council, speaking at a Southern California gathering of Democrats, condemned as a "conglomeration of weasel words" the stand of the Republican Assembly on the so called "right to work" ballot issue.

"The GOP Assembly recommended that the proposition be placed on the ballot but made no recommendation as to how voters should vote on this proposition. They do not hesitate to take sides on candidates; why should they hesitate to take sides on this issue?"

"Apparently this was a flimsy attempt by the Republicans to court both sides of their divided party on this controversial issue."

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Officers & board elected by COPE

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ert Nyeum, Auto Workers, 26; J. W. Barr, Engineers, 22.

There were originally two other candidates for the board, Joseph Petrecelli, Auto Workers, and Joseph Souza, Lumber Handlers, but since their locals had not yet affiliated with COPE, they were held ineligible.

The originally appointed election committee of 7 was expanded to 12 to hasten the count. Joseph Hightower, Carpenters, was the chairman of the committee. Other members were: Jody Kerrigan, Culinary; E. E. Montgomery, Auto Workers; Joe W. Chaudet, Newspaper Guild; Lewis W. Osman, Typographical; C. Roy Heinrichs, Typographical; C. K. Gifford, Carmen; Tony Lopez, Auto Workers; Ruth Suhling, Communications Workers; Paul Katz, Cemetery Workers; Robert G. Smith, Steelworkers; William N. Watts, Glass Bottle Blowers.

COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash announced that the executive board will meet April 8 to consider candidates for office, and a COPE convention April 9 will pass on the recommendations made by the board.

Labor officer training for crucial times

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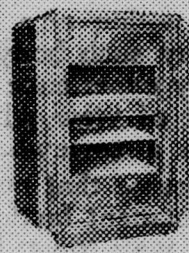
High AFLCIO officials, including Secretary Schnitzler of the united labor movement, President James A. Suffridge of the Retail Clerks, President Walter Reuther of the Auto Workers, have been told of the plan, and are trying to arrange things so they can participate.

Some entertainment will be provided by unions in Monterey, where there is access to golf and fishing. But there will be three days of study and discussion, with registration beginning Sunday, May 4.

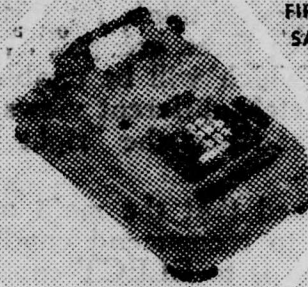
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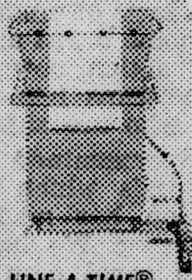
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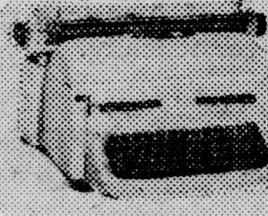
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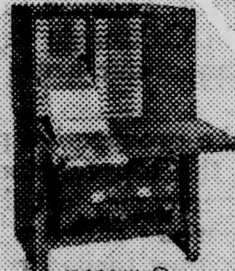
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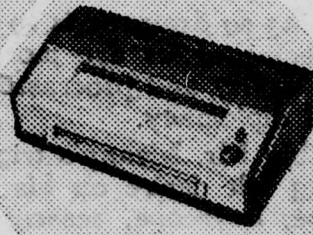
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COPE is not automation; it's work & cooperation

The Alameda County Council on Political Education has now been established, somewhat belatedly, due to the long discussion with national headquarters about getting it set up in line with local customs. Soon the executive board will meet to ask questions of candidates, and then there will be a convention to consider the recommendations of the board on the candidates. Very shortly thereafter there will be State labor political conventions to which the local recommendations will be made.

All this is machinery, and machinery is important. But the real test of the machinery is going to be the spirit of the men and women who run it. If there ever was a campaign year when the outward pressure for unity of labor politically was great, it is this year. For this is the year we face the double threat, or rather the combined threat, of Knowlandism and the "right to work" drive to destroy the union shop and to put in its place the anarchic open shop. Whether this outward pressure has developed a corresponding pressure within the hearts and minds of all the groups in the Council on Political Education remains to be seen.

To deny that there are groups, with somewhat varying approaches, within any democratic body, would be to deny reality. In any such body, there are always clusters of people who have, by experience and long association together, developed a point of view which is not the same as that of other clusters with a somewhat different background.

But to assume that our Council on Political Education has within it permanent factions, elements irreconcilable, would be to go a long way toward guaranteeing in advance frustration and defeat. Any tendency to think, for instance, that our local COPE will forever have three groups, "the old AFL, the old CIO, and the BTC," which will be unable to get along, and which will have completely different views, plays directly into the attempt of Knowland and the "right to work" crowd to divide and conquer us.

Also, if it is assumed that the main and almost the only function of COPE is to recommend candidates, we are sure to be defeated. Our job is to ELECT candidates, and that involves much hard work and much expenditure of money. One thing is sure—any union which fails to see to it that its members get registered isn't going to amount to much in COPE or in the future of American trade unionism. To sleep politically is to die economically.

When a merger gets submerged

When a merger gets submerged, what happens?

The question is pertinent, because the merger of AFL and CIO on the State level in California seems to be submerged. One hears about it as often as one hears news of the politics of ancient Egypt.

In Michigan, one of the prospective partners didn't wish to be a partner—not up at the top echelon, and openly tried to prevent merger. The merger came, just the same, because when national AFLCIO headquarters called a merger convention the locals of the unwilling partner turned out to be not unwilling. They ignored the frantic pleas of their top echelon men and went cheerily to the convention and became part of the merger.

Nothing so dramatic is to be anticipated here in California. Maybe some of us are more subtle out here; maybe we've learned suavity and procrastination, two of the major elements of skilful diplomacy.

Possibly Mr. Meany's trip to California next month is due to a long felt desire on his part to brood on the marvelous landscape, bayscape, seascape, and smogscape around here. He may want to steep his soul in it so he can write a sonnet. We're sure he could do a good sonnet if he tried—each one of the 14 lines very blunt and sharp as a bayonet point, if that isn't mixing metaphors too much.

RETAIL CLERKS' CONTEST awarding \$100 weekly to 100-word statements on how to educate Montgomery Ward in relations with unionism inevitably brings to mind FDR's 2-soldier essay on an allied subject. The two soldiers went up into the office of Wards president and carried him downstairs and out of the place.

GOODWIN J. 'DISCARD' KNIGHT told Berkeley women that unless the GOP "makes a superhuman effort, the year 1958 may mark the end of this Republican era." Many labor people feel the GOP has never been quite human yet, so how can it hope to be superhuman?

Time to Take Off the Kid Gloves!



GEORGE MEANY WRITES LETTER TO EISENHOWER

Following is part of the text of a letter from AFL-CIO President George Meany to President Eisenhower. Mr. Meany delivered the letter to the President during the recent "Put America Back to Work" legislative conference called by the AFLCIO:

Dear Mr. President:

The Executive Committee of the AFLCIO requested this meeting with you today because we are concerned and alarmed about the present recession and the high degree of unemployment in our nation.

Millions of today's unemployed and under-employed workers are members of AFLCIO unions. We owe them the same obligation which you, of course, feel toward all jobless workers—the obligation to do everything at our command to alleviate their suffering and to improve the nation's economic health.

Today, approximately a thousand leaders of the AFLCIO are on Capitol Hill, explaining to their Congressmen and Senators the exact facts of unemployment in their home towns and the urgency of action now—before more Americans join the ranks of those who are suffering.

We have examined with care the proposals which your Administration has made to end this suffering. We have examined with equal care proposals which have come from Capitol Hill.

Without rancor or partisanship, we say to you that in our considered judgement the actions proposed to date are not enough to meet the needs of the situation.

Today, Mr. President, there are twice as many unemployed workers as there are inhabitants of the entire city of Philadelphia, or, for that matter, there are as many unemployed as the total population of the states of Wyoming, Vermont, Utah, South Dakota, Rhode Island, North Dakota, New Mexico, New Hampshire and Nevada.

We submit, sir, that if some monumental tragedy were to simultaneously deprive all of the workers of these states of their livelihood, every individual in government would immediately agree to a "crash" program to restore the economy of those states. Today we face exactly that problem, although the suffering is geographically more widespread.

It seems to us that the government should evidence the same concern; that the actions should be just as swift and decisive; that no possible act should be left undone to bring relief to these workers who suffer as individuals or to the economy which is suffering as well.

We do not propose the government act in a mood of panic; rather we believe that reasoned

and considered actions taken now, without delay, will militate against any climate of panic in the near future. . . .

As the representatives of millions of workers and as the only organized voice of the workers who are today jobless through no fault of their own, we earnestly plead for action without further delay. We can see no need for waiting for more statistical evidence of suffering and hardship before acting. As a matter of fact, every current economic indicator—such as sales, advance orders, factory hours worked—makes this clear. Waiting for the next monthly unemployment figures would be, in our opinion, unnecessary and unwise.

Finally, Mr. President, we pledge the wholehearted and unstinting cooperation of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations to you and to the leaders of the Congress in achieving a practical, immediate and effective program to combat this crisis in our economic life.

Sincerely,
GEORGE MEANY

Retraining

Governor W. A. Harriman, Democrat, to New York Legislature:

In my Annual Message two years ago, I directed your attention to the continued presence of poverty both in the United States and in our own State of New York.

On my recommendation, you appropriated funds for studies to learn the extent and identify the causes of low incomes—incomes lower than the subsistence standards used in our public assistance programs.

We also embarked on some small pilot projects to determine possible methods of enabling people with such sub-standard incomes to achieve a higher status.

Under the pilot action program, in four cities—Amsterdam, Corning, Geneva and White Plains—about 325 unemployed and underemployed persons—with average incomes of less than \$2,000—were trained at a cost of about \$60 per person in skills needed in the community, such as welders, machinists, draftsmen and secretaries. More than 80 percent thereafter found employment in better-paying occupations.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

A. A. OLSON, writing from his home in Orinda, calls attention to a letter from L. S. Wells of Pleasant Hill which appeared in the Oakland Tribune recently. Olson says that he thinks Wells' letter should be answered:

Wells is angry because "Walter Reuther, George Meany and other labor leaders have been received at the White House and have presented their views on the current recession," but "can you or I or any one of millions of people who may hold entirely opposite views get the President's ear? You know we cannot."

Certainly many people who "hold entirely opposite views" to those held by Meany and Reuther get almost incessant access "to the President's ear." One such person is Senator Knowland, one of the owners of the paper to which Wells sent his letter. Moreover, Mr. Eisenhower rarely associates with any but wealthy men and women; he has very little to do with ordinary folks, or with their representatives such as Reuther and Meany.

And it is plain that these wealthy people represent Wells' ideas, for he goes on to say that "labor is the party to blame for present unemployment existing at present and can remedy the situation any time it wants," by asking that wages be cut, as high wages, says Mr. Wells, are the cause of the depression.

Mr. Eisenhower is surrounded every day by people who hate labor and who think that if wages are cut drastically, and kept from ever again rising, all would be well. This would bring on, of course, a delightful state of affairs where the employers would have practically all the money, but no customers armed with purchasing power to buy anything from them, but that doesn't worry Wells or the reactionary advisors of Mr. Eisenhower.

E. RITTLER, member of Plumbers 444, looks at affairs from quite a different angle than that of L. S. Wells of Pleasant Hill. He noted the cartoon in East Bay Labor Journal which showed Messrs. Hoover and Eisenhower peeking "just around the corner" and comments:

"If only some would remember Hoover, bread lines, holes in your shoes, no food, rent 18 months behind, \$2.31 a day for 18 days a month for three people to live on, threats to turn off gas, water, light because no money, banks getting every nickel for non-payment. This sounds swell!"

He sends a copy of a parody sent him by a friend, which begins:

"Ike is my shepherd, I am in want.
He maketh me to lie on park benches.
He leadeth me beside still factories.
He restoreth my doubt in the Republican Party."

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WEATHER

The importance of vigorous attack on the problems in this field can be hardly overemphasized. Few areas of science have implications so profound to all mankind as the study of the atmosphere and the phenomena which occur in it. — Report on control of weather.

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WE KNEW HIM!

It is very possible those who are discovering the "new Nixon" may not have known the old one. — Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

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